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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Remand of 9/25/09.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-47,51-54 and 56-62 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-47,51-54 and 56-62 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Detailed Action

Opening Comments

In light of the issues pointed out in the Remand order from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the present application has been reopened. Additionally, it is noted for future reference, it is herein indicated that the Appeal Brief of 12/10/08 is defective for two issues. The first issue relates to the defective declaration and the requirement for supplemental reissue declarations as indicated in the remand order. Secondly, the appendix of the Brief submitted on 12/10/08 was also defective as the new claims required underlining.

The prosecution of this application has been reopened to note the requirement of a supplemental reissue declaration and to clarify the status of original claims 1-10.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-47, 51-54, 56-62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based. See *Pannu v. Storz Instruments Inc.*, 258 F.3d 1366, 59 USPQ2d 1597 (Fed. Cir. 2001); *Hester Industries, Inc. v. Stein, Inc.*, 142 F.3d 1472, 46 USPQ2d 1641 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Clement*, 131 F.3d 1464, 45 USPQ2d 1161 (Fed. Cir. 1997); *Ball Corp. v. United States*, 729 F.2d 1429, 1436, 221 USPQ 289, 295 (Fed. Cir. 1984). A broadening aspect is present in the reissue,

which was not present in the application for patent. The record of the application for the patent shows that the broadening aspect (in the reissue) relates to claim subject matter that applicant previously surrendered during the prosecution of the application.

Accordingly, the narrow scope of the claims in the patent was not an error within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 251, and the broader scope of claim subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent cannot be recaptured by the filing of the present reissue application.

All independent reissue claims 1, 7, 8, 11, 16, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 33, 35, 36, 38, 40, 42, 45, 51, 52, 54, 55, 59, 60, 61 contain recapture issues whereby said claims fail to contain subject matter surrendered in the original application. Claim language similar to "wherein said level difference serves to avoid capillary flow of solder to prevent short-circuiting between the leads adjacent to each other" appears in every patented independent claim. Applicant in the amendment filed 6-15-1999 presented arguments relative to the level difference allowing a clearance so to avoid the capillary flow of solder which caused short circuiting as an essential feature regarding the patentability of this invention and whereby this feature was therefore added to obtain allowance of the original patent. This feature appears relates to subject matter previously surrendered in the original application and must be included in the reissue claims.

The MPEP 1412.02 states that, "for example, assume that limitation A of the patent claims is omitted in the reissue claims. This omission provides a broadening aspect in the reissue claims, as compared to the claims of the patent. If the omitted

limitation A was argued in the original application to make the application claims allowable over the art in the application, then the omitted limitation relates to subject matter previously surrendered in the original application" see 142 F.3d at 1482,46 USPQ2d at 1649.

Claims 1-47, 51-54, and 56-62 are rejected as being based upon a defective declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251 as set forth above. See 37 CFR 1.175 and MPEP § 1414, 1414.01.

There appears to be no supplemental reissue declaration filed for certain amendments (i.e. November 13, 2001, June 11, 2007 and September 8, 2008) whereby when claims are amended or added a supplemental reissue declaration is required (see MPEP 1414.01 and form PTO/SB/51S).

The nature of the defect(s) in the oath/declaration is set forth in the discussion above in this Office action. A supplemental reissue declaration signed by the reissue applicant is required.

Claims 1-47, 51-54, 56-62 are rejected.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to S. V. Clark whose telephone number is (571) 272-1725. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mathew Smith can be reached on 571 272-1907. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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